## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: MEHLER ET AL DOCKET NO: PE0000053935

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FOR: BIPOLAR PLATE FOR PEM FUEL CELLS

Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

## Request for Reconsideration under 37 C.F.R. §1.143

Sir:

This is a request for reconsideration under 37 C.F.R. §1.143. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the requirement for restriction, and hereby requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement. Reasons for this request are presented herewith, under the heading "Remarks."

As required by 37 C.F.R. §1.143, applicants have also attached a provisional election.

This provisional election made with traverse is presented following the "Remarks" section.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including Extension of Time fees, to Deposit Account 14.1437. Please credit any excess fees to such account.

Respectfully submitted, NOVAK DRUCE & OUIGG, LLP

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